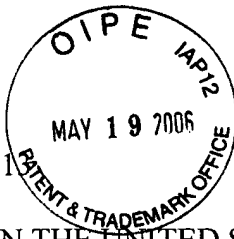


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
ALEXANDER BERESTOV ) Examiner: M. Filipczyk  
Application No.: 10/073,306 ) Group Art Unit: 2161  
Filed: February 13, 2002 )  
For: DATA STORAGE FORMAT FOR )  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2005, in connection with which a Notice of Appeal was filed on February 16, 2006, the period for response to which having been extended to May 16, 2006 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time, and in connection with which a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

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